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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that rattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay, of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1916

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday.

Welcome, Field Day visitors—the city is yours.

Lancaster delights in such occasions. Community gatherings are well worth while.

Had you rather clean up now or sweat the fly all summer? The choice lies with you.

Remember that to-morrow is April 1. The April fool will get you if you don't watch out.

Have you paid your occupation license tax? This is the last day for payment without penalty.

"Congress can't expect to raise revenue by taxing our patience," observes a Georgia exchange.

"More 'hog and hominy' and less cotton" is a slogan the southern farmer might with profit adopt.

The people of Lancaster county buy at home where they are sure to get the full worth of their money. The stores to-day are filled with Field Day shoppers.

We want every reader to consider carefully the article on "Moonlight Schools" by their founder, Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, and resolve to help South Carolina solve this problem as Mrs. Wilson helped Kentucky.

There are two needs which will be kept before the people of Lancaster. We need a hospital and we need a public library and The Lancaster News has no thought of letting up in the agitation for them.

We want our readers to remember that we welcome articles on topics of interest and cheerfully grant space to all such communications. There are a number of gifted writers hereabouts who could render distinct service by submitting their views on important questions of the day.

Lancaster's best wishes are extended to the new Chester Chamber of Commerce, organized so auspiciously this week. We hope our neighbor will profit as we have profited by a strong commercial body. It means much to any town, being without an equal as a means of development.

The school children of the county are the county's future men and women, whose lives should be properly safeguarded. We want every patron of the schools to insist on a regular practice of the fire drill, without which the lives of the children are in hourly peril.

Sacrificing in Name of S. C.

Although our experience in the state has not been a very profitable one, we were loath to withdraw the protection of our policies from the property owners of your state and to sever the relations which have existed for so many years.—Letter to agent. And to think poor, ignorant South Carolina never knew that such sacrifices were being made in her name. Withal, there is something beautiful in the attitude these companies have taken in the past and we are sure they will never be forgotten in the years to come. Why not name our parks and streets and our public places for these companies or have their names engraved upon tablets at the state house door? Woodmen, spare that tree!—Spartanburg Herald.

FIELD DAY THOUGHTS.

The bright eager faces of the children who celebrate Field Day, those who come to take part in the contests as well as those representatives of the schools who are not taking part but are present merely to witness the events and encourage their school fellows, give promise of a future for Lancaster county, made great by the intelligence of its citizens, for nothing is too difficult of accomplishment by trained minds and hands. Field Day stimulates a helpful rivalry, puts each school on its mettle, encourages the individual to do his very best for the sake of his school. It teaches loyalty and a sense of responsibility, both important factors in character building. Participation in these public contests brings ease and poise to the contestants, teaching them self-confidence and repose. The exhibits also reflect the character of the work done in the various schools, its excellencies as well as its imperfections and by comparing the exhibits useful lessons may be learned. The mental and physical tests call for careful study and training, making for efficiency in both phases of education.

When children and teachers alike have worked faithfully during an entire term it is right and proper that they be given the opportunity of making known in some measure what they have done at school and every mother, father, sister, brother and friend should evince a keen interest in their accomplishments. It makes us very happy to mark the development of our people, their growing desire for education and the splendid spirit of common interest in all that makes for better citizenship. Great is Field Day. May it live long and prosper steadily.

A WORD IN SEASON.

While it is rather early to get excited over the political prospects of any candidate, it is just as well to consider now the qualifications which fit men for office-holding as well as these propensities which render others unfit. Before the heat of summer and the heat, still more intense, of the political campaign overtakes us, it is well to reflect on the manner in which the contest shall be conducted. It should be pitched on a high plane, free from personalities and mudslinging. The people are entitled to a calm hearing of issues rather than an undignified tirade of abuse. In The Anderson Mail of Tuesday last we read the following editorial on this subject which should appeal to all right thinking people:

The campaign season is approaching, and there are some people who predict that the campaign this year will be unusually bitter, that there will be a great amount of mudslinging and all manner of what is known as dirty politics. We do not know just how much foundation there is for such predictions, but if the predictions should come true it will be a great misfortune, a misfortune for all who happen to be candidates but more especially a misfortune for the people.

A mud-slinging campaign does not result in good. Many people are deceived by it, and they do not vote as intelligently as they would if they had not been deceived and their passions aroused. This is true as every one must admit, and if it is true the motive for such a campaign is easy to find. People start such a campaign because they could not vote to win on any other.

And right now, before the campaign opens, and before the people get worked up over politics, is a good time to impress one fact, and that is that the man who offers for public office is, in almost every case, a pretty good citizen, a man with a good record in public and private life. If he were not he would not dare to offer for office, for he knows that as a candidate his every act will be scrutinized and commented upon. If you never hear anything bad about a man until he becomes a candidate, it will be a good rule to pay no attention to any reports that may be circulated about him during the campaign.

This rule applies to all candidates, whether new men seeking office, or officeholders seeking re-election. If a man in office has been worthy in any way, or false to any trust, or incapable, the fact will become known before the campaign starts. If damaging reports about him are circulated during the campaign, the chances are that they are not true.

If the voters will just keep these facts in mind, and frown upon dirty campaign methods whenever they are started, we will have a clean campaign this year, and the people can decide as to men and issues upon their merits. Beware of the men who fear a clean campaign and try to start any other kind.

Dr. M. R. Campbell

Registered Optometrist and Manufacturing Optician. ANDERSON, S. C. Standard Drug Co., local representatives. Take your broken lenses and repairs to them for prompt and accurate work.

FROM OTHER PAPERS

Then Screen In Time.
A screen in time will save nine billion swats.—Anderson Intelligencer.

Here's Hoping.
Gen. Winter has been driven to the last line of trenches.—News and Courier.

The Spring Fever
Now is the time for all lazy folks to blame it on the "spring fever."—Spartanburg Journal.

Which Shall It Be?
In about two more weeks it will be a case of "swat the fly" or be swatted.—York News.

The Big Question
The big question is whether or not to order another ton of coal, all things being considered.—Charlotte Post.

The Order of the Day
Count that day queer in which when light expires we have not had at least two dozen fires.—The State.

Why Take Them Seriously
Some newspapers are actually taking candidates seriously. All politicians look very much alike after all.—Columbia Record.

Ears to the Ground
Have you stepped on any candidate's ear yet? The streets, as well as woods, are full of candidates and not a few of them are trying to find out what the people are thinking so they can later pose as "leaders" by advocating the things they think the people want. This country is cursed with a superfluity of such leadership.—Greenville Piedmont.

Popular Education
Popular education is a very popular subject just now. The people are for it, and the teachers are more than ever interested in it, as shown by the attendance of fourteen hundred of them upon the state convention the past week.—Newberry Observer.

Probably Encourages Him
From the saying of the press it looks like Cooper hasn't much encouragement among the fourth estate.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat. Looking back over the political history of South Carolina for the last twenty-six years, Mr. Cooper doubtless takes encouragement from that particular lack of encouragement.—Greenville Piedmont.

Value of a Smile
The Charlotte News urges Charlotte to have a "smile squad" and makes these observations that are easily universally current: "You have possibly visited a city where everybody seemed bent on their own affairs; where no one greeted you or seemed to take the slightest interest in you. Then you have entered some wide-awake town where every fellow into whose store or shop or factory or home you entered made you feel that you were the long-awaited guest. It is the thoughtful, considerate, friendly, human town which draws people to its borders and keeps them there, the town which puts an intrinsic value upon the smile."—Spartanburg Herald.

Begin Now to Swat the Fly
Do not wait until the fly gets here in large numbers before opening up a campaign against him. The time to start is right on us. Kill every one in sight, and the task will not be such a great one in the days to come. Kill them in detail and do not wait to shoot into the multitude. You will have the appearance of doing a greater amount of execution by waiting, but this is a mistake. You will do more by preventing them from coming.

If the people of Greenwood will start in time it will be possible for us to have our city comparatively rid of this pest and health destroying insect. Let us get out after him today, and keep after him. Remember it will not do for you not to work at the job and leave it all to your neighbor. There is need for co-operation in this campaign as there is in almost everything that is for the good of the community. Every home then and every member of each home on the job, and we shall see the result in a very short time.—Greenwood Journal.

Handshaking Time

The time for candidates to shake the work worn hands of the poor people is near at hand. We all like to see them, for some of some of them we seldom see only just before their term is over and they come to

CHESTER SOUNDS CLARION CALL

Chamber of Commerce Enthusiastically Formed.

Special to The State:
Chester, March 29.—Chester's Chamber of Commerce was organized at the city hall this afternoon with Robert B. Caldwell as its first president. S. M. Jones was elected first vice president, John G. White, second vice president and H. S. Adams, treasurer. The directorate was chosen as follows: R. R. Moffat, George R. Dawson, James M. Latham, John M. Jones, Robert E. Sims, L. E. Brown and M. R. Clerk.

To-day's meeting was one of the most enthusiastic and best attended of its kind ever held in Chester. Practically every business man in the city was present. Chester is no longer asleep to the possibilities of a live Chamber of Commerce, and to-day's gathering indicated that every business man in the city stands ready and willing to give his time and money to help boost Chester.

The meeting was called to order at 4 o'clock and Col. Arthur L. Gaston was elected chairman and James M. Latham temporary secretary. Col. Gaston made a vigorous talk on patronizing home industries and stated that he would like to see a Chester county fire insurance organization and saw no reason why there would not be an organization to assume risks around \$500 and under. Mr. Latham stated the object of the meeting.

T. H. White, chairman, and W. J. Irwin and Harper M. Woods were appointed a committee to select the foregoing officers, who were unanimously elected. Col. Gaston immediately on the election of Mr. Caldwell as president turned the gavel over to him. President Caldwell read the constitution and by-laws, which he had painstakingly drafted from the reading of a number of other constitutions and by-laws of chambers of commerce, selecting their best features and adding others.

President Caldwell is one of Chester's leading bankers and lawyers.

Short talks were made by Samuel E. McFadden, Gibson, J. Baxter Westbrook, J. T. Collins, Capt. McKeown, R. R. Moffat and others. The first note struck by the Chamber of Commerce was for good roads. A \$400,000 bond issue was discussed in a business like manner by Chester's moneyed men and so strong is the determination for it that it will not be longer delayed. The first object of the organization will be to give Chester county a network of as fine roads as any county in the south. The first road to be built will be to Great Falls. It was decided this afternoon to construct this road immediately without any further delay.

The appointment of a secretary was not made this afternoon. Quite a number of applications have been received and all are being given careful consideration. Either a good business man or a well trained commercial secretary is desired for the job.

WILSON'S DOCTOR TO WED

Dr. Grayson and Miss Alice Gordon to Marry Soon.

Washington, March 30.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's physician and naval aide, and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, of this city, Mrs. Wilson's most intimate friend, will be married within the next two months. Announcement of the engagement was made to-day by Mrs. Henry Wood Flournoy, of New York, Miss Gordon's aunt. The wedding will take place in New York or Washington, and may be solemnized in the White House. The president and Mrs. Wilson will attend.

BIG BLAZE IN FLORIDA TOWN

Cedar Key, Fla., March 30.—Fire, which started in a small frame building to-day at noon, destroyed sixteen dwellings and two churches. The fire raged for over two hours, destroying over two blocks with a loss estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

solicit our votes for another term. Of course, for some of them it is almost impossible to call around at any other time. But we should be careful to look over the candidates and see how far or near he is to what he promised two or four years ago. Some may say that they tried to carry out every promise they made, but would they like for us to note every trial or failure? We are partly to blame in some instances by not demanding some necessary legislation of them. Now is the time to begin looking after the records of each man who may offer for office in 1916.—The Jeffersonian.

STATEMENT OF

The First National Bank

Lancaster, S. C.
(Condensed)
March 7th, 1916.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$250,454.33
United States bonds (at par)	67,506.00
South Carolina and other bonds	10,579.92
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,471.30
Cash on hand, in banks and due from U. S. Tr.	90,524.69
	\$424,780.24

RESOURCES.

Capital stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and profits	32,549.72
Circulation	50,000.00
Notes rediscounted	15,000.00
DEPOSITS	277,430.52
	\$424,780.24

FIELD DAY.

A Gala Day, Eclipsing All Other Lancaster County Field Days.

Lancaster County's Field Day eclipsed, in every way, any heretofore held. The day was ideal. Trustees, parents, teachers and pupils from all parts of the county were here in full force. It was inspiring to witness the parade from the Central graded school grounds through Main street to the depot and return. We were glad to see so many of the trustees of the different schools in the procession.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. E. T. Hodges. Mayor C. D. Jones expressed in a most felicitous manner the pleasure of the people of the county-seat in having those of other sections of the county with us. He said that he was glad to know that the educational interest of the county were keeping pace with the manufacturing, agricultural

and commercial interests. The children, he said, are the best asset we have.

Miss Laura Therrell captivated everybody by her appropriate words in response to the address of welcome. Superintendent Wessinger, of the Central graded school, presided at the exercises.

We will give a full and detailed account of the day in our next issue.

The city council has purchased a four-ton Packard motor truck for street improvement.

Mrs. Heath Glass, of Lynchburg, formerly Miss Kate Elliott, is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Florence Elliott.

Potatoes for sale by J. C. Hilton, Nancy Hall and Porto Rico. \$1.00 per bushel f.o.b. Westville; cash with order in lots of from 2 bushels up. J. C. Hilton, Westville, S. C. 1-p

Men's and Boys' PANTS

—See the New Spring Styles that we are showing in Men's and Boys' Pants. Many attractive patterns to select from and at prices that guarantee quick selling.

—Men's Dress Pants, special priced from \$1.98 to\$6.00

We carry these pants in all sizes; 31 to 50-inch waist measure; length 31 to 37.

—Boy's Pants, all sizes from 4 to 18 years, special priced at 25c to \$2.25

—15 dozen Men's Khaki Pants, bought in job; value \$1.50—our special price\$1.00

The J. T. Wylie Company